(b) whether an inspection has been carried out to assess the damage to the pillars and the barbed wire;

(c) whether it is also a fact that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh are swimming under the raised fencing and infiltrating into India; and

(d) what steps Government propose to stop such infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) 365 Kms. of fencing out of 854 Kms. erected under Phase-I has been damaged due to various reasons like water logging and floods etc. Inspection of border fence and border pillars in carried out regularly to assess the damage to pillars and the barbed wire. Sometimes, attempts are made by criminals and illegal infiltrators to cross the fencing either by negotiating or by breaching the same or by crossing through the water channels. However, following steps have been taken by BSF to prevent illegal migration from Bangladesh:

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying out patrolling (on foot, by boats and vehicles), laying nakes (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international border.

(ii) Upgradation of intelligence network of BSF and coordination with sister intelligence agencies;

(iii) Introduction of modern surveillance equipment including night vision devices.

(iv) Construction of fencing and roads along the international border.

(v) Government have sanctioned 3656 posts in various ranks under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MTF) to check illegal infiltration from across the border.

Families living near the barbed wire fencing in Indian territory

2361. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population falling beyond the barbed wire fencing in the Indian territory in the State of Tripura along the international border;

(b) whether Government are aware of the miseries that these families are facing everyday; and

(c) the steps Government are going to take to make alternative arrangement for these families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) About 553 houses comprising of 3201 population are falling on the wrong side of fencing Programme throughout the course of construction of fencing in the State of Tripura. The policy of MHA is only to acquire land for fencing purposes through normal land acquisition procedures. No rehabilitation programme or scheme was envisaged for the people affected by the fencing Programme throughout the Course of construction of fencing till now. The need of the local people are being attended to by erecting gates at suitable intervals in the fencing which would enable people to go across the fencing. These gates are provided after consulting the local people as per their actual requirements. Thus, it may please be seen that there is no displacement of people due to fencing and efforts are made to cause minimal disturbance to the local people due to construction of fencing. These gates have been ordered to be opened from first light to the last light. In addition, these gates are opened as and when required by civil population to meet any emergent requirement. BSF provides security to the villages round the year.

Making police system woman friendly

2362. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the multipronged approach in the police system to make it more women friendly and go for gender sensitization;

(b) what is the strength of the men police and women police in each State and the percentage of the latter out of the total strength of police;

(c) which of the States have gone so well in promoting gender sensitization and woman police much ahead of others with details; and

(d) whether this example and strategy would be taken cognizance for follow up by other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Recommendations of National